

**Office of Community Services for Warren and Washington Counties**  
**Warren County Community Services Board**  
**Washington County Community Services Board**  
**March 13, 2014**

**Warren County**

**Present:** Kimberly Brayton, Ph.D., Chair; Michael Homenick, Ph.D.

**Excused:** Joan Grishkot, Vice Chair; Lu Thomas-Cosgrove; Barbara Green; Suzanne Wheeler; Barbara Boggia

**Washington County**

**Present:** Rick Demers, Chair; Kathy Flanagan; Samuel Hall; Tammy DeLorme; Michele Burke; Patti Hunt; Robert Miles

**Excused:** Christina Bessen, Vice-Chair; Kris Freitag

**Staff:** Harry Carlson; Lisa Coutu; Cynthia Wasson; Megan Johnson; Robert York

**Warren County Mental Health Committee:** Rachel Seeber

**Guests:** Steve Traver, Peter Groff

Agenda Item	Outcome	Action
<b>Call to order</b>	A quorum for Washington County CSB was confirmed and the March Regular Meeting of the Community Services Board was convened. K. Brayton, Warren Co. and R. Demers, Washington Co. chaired the meeting.	Meeting called to order at 2:10p by K. Brayton/R. Demers.
<b>Warren Co. Minutes</b>	Minutes of the January 9, 2014 CSB meeting was presented for approval.	Motion: Deferred Second: Deferred Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote
<b>Washington Co. Minutes</b>	Minutes of the January 9, 2014 CSB meeting was presented for approval.	Motion: S. Hall Second: T. DeLorme Abstentions: None Motion carried with unanimous vote.
<b>Presentation: What is DSRIP? (Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Plan)</b>	R. York talked about a Power Point presentation in the packets on Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Plan (DSRIP). Mr. York explained the 1115 Medicaid Waiver and the significant savings in Medicaid expenditures. New York requested CMS return \$10 billion of those savings to the state for reinvestment into the healthcare system. The Waiver has been essentially approved	

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	for \$8 billion. This waiver funding will be reinvested through the competitive process referred to as “DSRIP”. Additional details regarding the DSRIP process were shared. One major focus will include integration of behavioral health and primary care. There will be a competitive application process. Applications will have to be developed collaboratively. Eligible applicants will have to be “safety net” providers, not yet defined. Timetable will be very fast for turnaround of applications.	
<b>Presentation: Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health, Inc. – Peter Groff, CEO</b>	<p>Peter Groff CEO of the Warren-Washington Association for Mental Health (AMH) talked about the history of AMH and the Agency programs and services.</p> <p>Mr. Groff stated East Side Center (ESC) is an adult psychiatric rehabilitation program which supports personal growth in various areas of life. ESC has 8 staff and several volunteers.</p> <p>Support Services has 12 Care Coordinators that work to unify the mental health care delivery system by connecting individuals, both youth and adults, to services specific to their needs and assisting them in navigating various service and support systems.</p> <p>Caleo Counseling Services, the outpatient clinic of AMH, strives to provide counseling and therapy in a caring, professional atmosphere. Services are available for youth, adults and families from Warren and Washington Counties.</p> <p>Mr. Groff stated AMH residential programs are group homes and apartments where individuals with psychiatric disabilities live while developing skills needed for independence. AMH has 108 beds providing transitional and permanent housing across the various levels of housing supports.</p>	
<b>New Business Recommendation for Warren County CSB Member Appointment</b>	Recommendation to appoint James P Dexter, District superintendant of Schools, WSWHE BOCES, to a four-year term on the Warren County Community Services Board, filling a vacancy created by Marsha Butler’s recent resignation.	<p>Motion: Deferred -Warren Only</p> <p>Second:</p> <p>Abstentions: None</p> <p>Motion carried with unanimous</p>

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<b><u>Informational Items</u></b>		
<b>R. York – Office of Community Services for Warren / Washington Counties</b>	R. York stated earlier this week there was a meeting at the Council For Prevention (CFP) about the Heroin and Prescription Drug problems in the area. Law enforcement, District Attorney's, Probation, Social Services, treatment providers, state and local government officials attended to discuss this issue. Various workgroups were discussed to address various aspects related to this complex issue. Groups were formed to look at specific issues such as treatment diversion; overdose prevention; public and school-based education/awareness; physician education; etc. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for April 8 <sup>th</sup> .	
<b>Board Member Code of Ethics Forms</b>	Some forms are still outstanding. C. Wasson will review forms received and advise members that still need to submit.	
<b>2014 – 2015 Executive Budget Proposal</b>	R. York provided and gave an overview of a handout on the 2014 - 2015 Executive Budget Analysis from the NYS Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors, Inc. (CLMHD). .	
<b>Peer Services RFP Update</b>	R. York stated the request for proposals (RFP) for the development of peer services was due to Warren County Purchasing Department by 3 pm today. This funding was formerly associated with the Voices of the Heart, Inc. contract. Mr. York will form a work group of CSB members to review the proposals and make recommendation to the Community Services Boards regarding selection.	
<b>Regional Collaborative Funding Opportunity</b>	R. York stated the Office of Mental Health (OMH) recently closed 50 inpatient psychiatric beds in Westchester County. May Lum, OMH Hudson River Field Office Director, advocated to secure associated savings and offer it in a reinvestment mode to the counties in the region. Ms. Lum called for proposals consistent with	

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	<p>1915i-like services that will potentially be billable under managed Medicaid. Sub-regional proposals were requested. The timeline for turnaround was less than 1 month. We submitted several proposals, but prioritized a Tri-county Children and Youth crisis mobile team with Saratoga County. This will reduce hospitalizations, and emergency room usage. We also joined with several other counties on a proposal for adult mobile crisis services. We also worked with Peter Groff on a proposal for 5 enhanced supportive apartments that would include medical and peer supports. There is no announced timeline for selection/ approvals.</p> <p>R. York stated we continue to work with AMH and CWI to develop materials suitable for use in legislative advocacy efforts.</p> <p>R. York announced the change of the July 2014 CSB meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in July. New Date: July 17, 2014.</p> <p>R. York provided a handout on the Demystifying Managed Care Presentation to be held on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 10a -12p.</p> <p>R. York provided a handout on RX Drug Abuse, an Escalating Local Public Health Issue Forum where MSgt Candace Stefanik, New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force will deliver a presentation on the link between prescription drugs and Heroin on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9a – 12p at the Great Escape Lodge conference room.</p> <p>R. York provided a flyer on the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Hike for Hope, Cody's Climb to be held Sunday, May 18 at 9 am for registration and the hike begins at 10 am at Prospect Mountain, Lake George.</p> <p>R. York provided a flyer on the Support Group for Survivors of Suicide Loss. The Group meets in South Glens Falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.</p>	
<b>CSB Legislative Advocacy</b>		
<b>Change of July CSB meeting date (new date: 7/17/14)</b>		
<b>Demystifying Managed Care Presentation</b>		
<b>RX Drug Abuse, an Escalating Local Public Health Issue</b>		
<b>Hike for Hope, Cody's Climb</b>		
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<b>Washington County Community Engagement Collaborative / Communities Now</b>	R. York provided an Article from the Post Star on “Violence against children sparks outreach effort”. The article is about a group of Washington county department heads that are developing a collaborative effort to prevent future neglect and overall domestic abuse against children. They are looking at a project designed by the Butler Institute for Families at the University of Denver called Communities Now. Communities Now trains community members to learn new information tools, and methods to more safely, confidently, and frequently intervene when encountering situations in which the treatment of a child makes them concerned or uncomfortable. The effort is being broadened to be infused with Systems of Care values, and to include information related to Mental Health, Health, healthy aging, etc.	
<b>Hospital Affiliation looks forward to changes</b>	R. York provided an Article from the Post Star on “Hospital Affiliation looks forward to changes”. The Adirondack Health Institute and Glens Falls Hospital announced a new affiliation. GFH is now part of the Adirondack Health Institute. Currently, they operate separate Health Homes for our region, but it is anticipated that they will combine efforts to operate one health home.	
<b>Save the Date – Mental Health Matters</b>	AMH Peter Groff talked about the Mental Health Matters celebration at the Charles R. Wood Theater on Friday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am – 2:00 pm.	
<b>Adjournment and next meeting.</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 4:35p. The next scheduled meeting of the Community Services Boards will be held on April 10, 2014 @ 3:00 pm at <b><u>230 Maple Street, Glens Falls, NY.</u></b>	

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Wasson, Secretary to the Boards